

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Bob Lake, on March 8, 2007 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Bob Lake, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Jon Sonju, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)  
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)  
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)  
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)  
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)  
Rep. Edward Hilbert (R)  
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)  
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)  
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)  
Rep. Bill Nooney (R)  
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)  
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Norma Bixby (D)  
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)  
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch  
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 21, 3/1/2007; SB 69, 3/6/2007;  
SB 88, 3/6/2007; SB 99, 3/6/2007

Executive Action: None

**HEARING ON SB 99**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:37 Sen. Dan Harrington (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on  
SB 99, Five year statute of limitations for corporation  
license tax.

[EXHIBIT\(tah49a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah49a02\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:06:07 Brian Staley, Department of Revenue  
00:09:10 Dan Bucks, Director, Department of Revenue

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:19:44 Mike Green, Attorney, representing Montana Taxpayers  
Association  
00:22:55 Jason Todhunter, representing Montana Logging  
Association

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:24:06 Rep. Cohenour  
00:24:50 Brian Staley  
00:25:28 Rep. Erickson  
00:26:02 Dan Bucks  
00:27:46 Rep. Sonju  
00:29:59 Dan Bucks  
00:31:41 Brian Staley  
00:33:01 Rep. Sonju  
00:34:14 Rep. Lambert  
00:36:20 Rep. Ross

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:37:30 Sen. Dan Harrington

**HEARING ON SB 88**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:43:05\_\_Sen. Bob Hawks (D), SD 33, opened the hearing on SB 88,  
Extend allocation of funding to heritage preservation  
and development account.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:46:37 Rep. Diane Rice HD 71

00:47:26 Paul Reichert, Executive Director, Montana Heritage  
Committee

**EXHIBIT (tah49a03)**

00:49:49 Stuart Doggett, Executive Director, Montana Innkeepers  
Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:51:24 Rep. Ross

00:52:27 Sen. Bob Hawks

00:53:00 Rep. Erickson

00:53:36 Paul Reichert

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:54:20 Sen. Bob Hawks

**HEARING ON SB 21**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:54:58 Sen. Lane Larson (D), SD 22, opened the hearing on SB  
21, Allow counties to establish and fund veterans'  
cemeteries.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:56:23 Col. Jim Jacobsen, U.S. Army (Retired), Legislative  
Chairman, Montana American Legion

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:58:33 Joe Foster, Administrator, Montana Veteran Affairs

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:58:56 Rep. Ross  
00:59:40 Jeff Martin, Legislative Services Division  
01:00:37 Rep. Butcher  
01:01:49 Chairman Lake  
01:02:25 Jeff Martin  
01:03:26 Chairman Lake  
01:04:35 Rep. Erickson  
01:04:47 Rep. Grinde  
01:05:21 Sen. Larson  
01:06:57 Rep. Cohenour  
01:07:39 Chairman Lake  
01:07:50 Rep. Butcher

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:09:31 Sen. Lane Larson

**HEARING ON SB 69**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:10:24 Sen. David Wanzenried (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SB 69, Revise value-added loan program laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:12:17 Carroll South, Executive Director, Montana Board of Investments

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:21:50 Rep. Sonju  
01:23:59 Rep. Erickson  
01:24:34 Rep. Cohenour  
01:24:59 Rep. Ross

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:26:48 Sen. David Wanzenried

**CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON SB 21**

**Informational Testimony:**

01:28:13 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association  
of Counties (MACo)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:31:32 Rep. Erickson  
01:32:09 Harold Blattie  
01:32:56 Rep. Grinde  
01:33:41 Harold Blattie  
01:40:18 Chairman Lake  
01:41:55 Rep. Cohenour

**Additional Exhibit:**

**[EXHIBIT](#)**(tah49a04)

Pertaining to HB 463 heard on February 23, 2007

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:45 A.M.

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REP. BOB LAKE, Chairman

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DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([tah49aad.pdf](#))**